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Docket Nos.: 50-443
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Dear Mr. Tallman:

Subject: Issuance of Amendments to Construction Permits for Seabrook Station,
Units 1 and 2

By letter dated October 17, 1983 Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed an application for amendments to the Construction Permits (CPPR-135 and CPPR-136) for the Seabrook Station, Units 1 and 2. The October 17, 1983 request was for permission to transfer the current ownership share (0.41259 percent) from Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. to its affiliate Vermont Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative, Inc.

No petitions to intervene on this ownership transfer have been received by the Commission. Vermont Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative, Inc. was not required to submit antitrust information for this ownership transfer because VEG&T qualifies as a de minimus applicant under 10 CFR 50.33a(a)(3).

We have reviewed your application for transfer of ownership interest and have concluded that this action is not inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public, and does not involve a significant hazards consideration. The bases for these conclusions are set forth in the enclosed safety evaluation.

We have also concluded that the amendments involve actions which are insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and that, pursuant to 10 CFR Section 51.5(d)(4), an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and an environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendments.

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Amendment No. 6 to CPPR-135, Amendment No. 6 to CPPR-136, and a related notice which has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication are enclosed.

Sincerely,

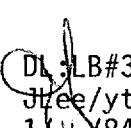
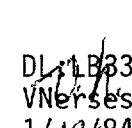
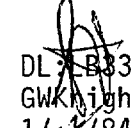
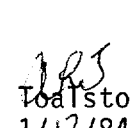



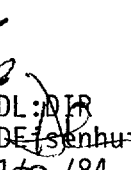
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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 6 to CPPR-135
2. Amendment No. 6 to CPPR-136
3. Safety Evaluation
4. Federal Register Notice

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, ET. AL

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SEABROOK STATION, UNIT 1

AMENDMENT TO CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Amendment No. 6

Construction Permit No.: CPPR-135

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) having found that:
 - A. The application for amendment filed by Public Service Company of New Hampshire on behalf of itself and the other applicants*, in a letter dated October 17, 1983, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - C. The issuance of this amendment will not result in any environmental impacts not previously considered.
2. Accordingly, Construction Permit No. CPPR-135 is amended to reflect a change in ownership of the facility as follows:

All references to "applicants" shall exclude:

Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.

and shall include:

Vermont Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative, Inc.

*The current construction permit holders for Seabrook Station are: Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Canal Electric Company, Central Main Power Company, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, Connecticut Light & Power Company, Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company, Hudson Light & Power Department, Maine Public Service Company, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company, Montaup Electric Company, New England Power Company, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant, the United Illuminating Company, Vermont Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative, Inc., and Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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3. This amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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SEABROOK STATION, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Amendment No. 6

Construction Permit No.: CPPR-136

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) having found that:
 - A. The application for amendment filed by Public Service Company of New Hampshire on behalf of itself and the other applicants*, in a letter dated October 17, 1983, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - C. The issuance of this amendment will not result in any environmental impacts not previously considered.
2. Accordingly, Construction Permit No. CPPR-136 is amended to reflect a change in ownership of the facility as follows:

All references to "applicants" shall exclude:

Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.

and shall include:

Vermont Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative, Inc.

*The current construction permit holders for Seabrook Station are: Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Canal Electric Company, Central Main Power Company, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, Connecticut Light & Power Company, Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company, Hudson Light & Power Department, Maine Public Service Company, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company, Montaup Electric Company, New England Power Company, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant, the United Illuminating Company, Vermont Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative, Inc., and Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc.

3. This amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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SAFETY EVALUATION

SEABROOK STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

By application dated October 17, 1983, PSNH submitted a request for amendments to CPPR-135 and CPPR-136. This request was to secure approval of a transfer of 0.41259 percent ownership in Seabrook Units 1 and 2 from the Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. to Vermont Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative, Incorporated (VEG&T). We have reviewed the request and our evaluation is provided below.

ANALYSIS

PSNH, as Project Manager and Operating Agent, has exclusive responsibility for the design and construction of Seabrook Station. VEG&T is a Vermont public service corporation authorized to generate, transmit, purchase and sell electricity. VEG&T owns fossil fuel electric generating stations. No advice from the Department of Justice is required because the ownership transfer is in form only and no real substantive change in ownership is occurring. Thus, a review on antitrust matters was not appropriate.

According to information filed with the proposed amendment for the ownership transfer, VEG&T will own less than 5 megawatts of generating capacity. Therefore, VEG&T was not required to submit antitrust information for this ownership transfer because VEG&T qualifies as a de minimus applicant under 10 CFR 50.33a(a)(3).

The other issue which required an evaluation is the proposed co-owner's financial qualifications to assume the 0.41259 ownership shares of Seabrook Station. The NRC regulations relating to the determination of an applicant's financial qualifications are in Section 50.33(f) of 10 CFR Part 50. These regulations, as amended on March 31, 1982, state that a financial review of an applicant to construct a production facility (commercial nuclear power plant) shall not be conducted if the applicant is an electric utility. Since Seabrook Station is a production facility and since VEG&T is an electric utility, a financial review of the proposed transfer of ownership shares is not required.

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CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above evaluation, the staff finds that the issuance of the requested amendments (1) transferring ownership of 0.41259 percent of Seabrook Station from Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. to Vermont Electric Generating and Transmission Cooperative, Inc. and (2) authorizing VEG&T to become a co-owner will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public. The staff finds that the requested amendments do not involve a significant hazards consideration because this action will not involve any significant increase in the probability or consequences of any accident, and this action will not involve any significant decrease in safety margin.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, ET. AL.

SEABROOK STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

Notice is hereby given that the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendments No. to Construction Permit Nos. CPPR-135 and CPPR-136. The amendments add Vermont Electric Generating and Transmission Cooperative, Inc. as a co-owner of the Seabrook Station, Units 1 and 2 and reflect a transfer of ownership interest from Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. to Vermont Electric Generating and Transmission, Inc. for the Seabrook Station. The Seabrook Station is located in Rockingham County, New Hampshire. The amendments are effective as of their date of issuance.

The application for the amendments complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Chapter 1, which are set forth in the amendments. The Commission has also concluded that the amendments involve actions which are insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and that, pursuant to 10 CFR Section 51.5(d)(4), an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and an environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendments. Prior public notice of the amendments was not required since the amendments do not involve a significant hazards consideration.

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For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendments, dated October 17, 1983 (2) Amendments No.6 to Construction Permit Nos. CPPR-135 and CPPR-136 and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection in the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., and at the Exeter Public Library, Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire 03833. Items 2 and 3 may be requested by writing to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 27th day of January, 1984.

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